

U. S. Chemical Laboratory.  
Wkesville, Md. Co. Md. Nov. 28. 1850.

Prof. R. J. McCallum  
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you some weeks since in regard to an patent for refining gold and recommended its sale to the U. S. Govt for the \$25,000 which has been appropriated for the purchase of it. Not having received a reply, I write again to repeat, that as the value of an invention is very precarious when so many improvements are being constantly made, I think it better to accept the terms provided in the act of Congress & will be glad if you will say whether you concur or not.

Whatever is to be done in the matter should now be done without delay and therefore I beg you to write your answer at once that we may act as soon as a report from the Director of the Mint is made.

I shall write to Booth to day saying that I have written you as above and at the same time will urge him to hasten the completion of his experiments.

Yours truly,

Campbell Maule



November 28 1880  
C. Noft Pikeville

W. Noft Pikeville  
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Prof. H. H. H. H.  
Pikeville

I have just received your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the \$22.00 which has been appropriated for the purchase of books. I have to report that in the order of my bank I have paid \$22.00 for the same. I have also received from the same source a check for \$22.00 which I have also cashed. I have to report that I have no more to say on this subject. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
C. Noft

Whether it is due to the weather or to the fact that I have not yet received your letter of the 27th inst. I do not know. I have to report that I have no more to say on this subject. I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
C. Noft